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PHILANTHROPY AWARD: The Kendeda Fund

Private philanthropic investment has been key to meeting goals in Atlanta's regional Blueprint to End Homelessness. Atlanta has been at the forefront of partnering business strategies and visible change for the entire community – housed and homeless alike – to create new partnership and investment in its 10-Year Plan. Under the leadership of Mayor Shirley Franklin and Community Champion and business and civic leader Horace Sibley, more than \$30 million of new private resources have been invested in the Blueprint goals. Chief among the results of these investments has been the creation of the new Gateway Center providing resources and programs for persons who are chronically homeless.

The Kendeda Fund, a private foundation located in Atlanta, Georgia, supports a variety of organizations focused on several core issues: the environment, homelessness, education, arts and culture, and youth. While most of the Kendeda Fund's grant-making in recent years has revolved around environmental sustainability, Kendeda has been a long-standing supporter of Atlanta's efforts to reduce homelessness. The Fund has given multi-million dollar support to the initiatives of the Regional Commission on Homelessness, especially recent efforts to expand supportive housing, Housing First, and family reunification.